

ABSTRACT

When an instruction by a person in charge is required during an analysis operation, a transmitted e-mail processing unit creates an e-mail that includes, as a message or an attached
5 file, information concerning data to be currently analyzed and an analysis condition, and transmits the e-mail to the e-mail address of the person in charge. The person in charge, at a remote area, employs a locally available PC to read the e-mail, and transmits, to an analysis apparatus, a response
10 e-mail that includes an instruction command. The e-mail is read through a communication controller, and a received case name confirmation unit and a sender verification unit examine the received e-mail to determine whether it is a control e-mail issued by an authorized sender. Thereafter, a command
15 extraction unit extracts a control command from the e-mail. Upon receiving this command, an analysis controller controls the individual sections of an analysis unit.